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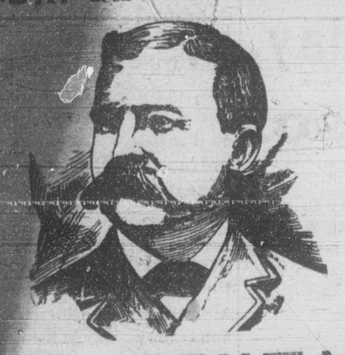

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A Little Romantic.

San Antonio, Tex., March 21.—A little romance came to the surface yesterday, although it was forty years old when it developed. An old farmer named John Hagin, eighty-three years old, who has been in Texas for forty years and who has acquired quite a farm and family in the northern part of this county, was confronted by his son, aged forty years, whom he had left when but a suckling child when he deserted his first wife, the son's mother, up in Illinois years ago. The old man has since married and lived peaceably in this county with his second family until yesterday, when the son found him, and with a lawyer arranged with the old man for the regular payment of hush money, and that he is to be left in security for the few remaining years of his existence.

Poetry.

THREE STAGES OF LIFE.

[Boston Courier.]

ANTE-NUPTIAL.

Sweet love, I know that I must go;
'Tis late; the noon of night is nigh;
Time speeds away and yet I stay.
A lingering lover sweet am I—
Ah, how I hate to say good-bye.

Good night, my own! when you are alone,
Ere slumber seals those starry eyes,
Oh! give a tender thought to one
Who takes his leave of you with sighs,
Whose heart still for your presence cries.

One kiss—adieu I wish for you
Dreams roseate and slumberous night.
The time is nigh when you and I
No more will need to say good night.

NUPTIAL.

How radiant in her bridal dress!
How sweet the love light in her eyes!
To-day she crowns my happiness,
And earth becomes a paradise,

I marvel as I look upon
Her now, arrayed in beauty's pride,
By what strange art of love I won
This wingless angel for my bride.

And I need go from her no more.
Nor dread her irate father's frown,
When parting from her at the door,
Nor fear his sudden coming down.

No more to leave her at the gate,
And sighing, wander home alone,
For where she is—that's home; thank fate
She's mine at last, my wife, my own.

POST-NUPTUALS

What's that you say? "'Tis folly's height
To try on you that played-out dodge
To come home at this time of night,
Pretending I've been at the lodge?"

Where—hic—do you suppose I've been?
"In some saloon?" You're quite a joker.
Ha! ha! what's that, You "ain't so green?"
You "know that I've been playing poker?"

"I'm chewing cloves?" yes, for a cough;
I've got a cold. What's that you said?
"Too bad?" O, yes; what now, "take off
My boots before I go to bed?"

Of course, my dear, I quite forgot
I had 'em on. Hic—there they go.
"Take off my hat? "I'm drunk?" I'm not.
I wonder at your talking so.

"You won't put up with"—hush that child,
The peace-disturbing little elf,
Oh stop its noise; it sets me wild—
What's that?—hic—"hush the child myself?"

Well, let me have her—by-lo-by—
Here I am in my stocking feet—
Safe in your papa's arms you lie;
By-lo my baby—slumber sweet.

And this is matrimonial life—
To walk the floor like this, alack!
He is a fool who takes a wife—
Great Scott! I've stepped upon a tack.

Great Julius Cæsar! look at that!
Oh, who would wed for love or pelf—
My foot—Here take this squaling brat
And fry to make it sleep pourself.

Oh, "I'm a brute?" Oh, yes, of course—
That blasted tack! What's that—"I'm rude?"
"You'll sue at once for a divorce?"
I wish to goodness that you would.

Railroad Regulation.

[BY HON. TOM J. BROWN.]

NO. 5.

Much has been said and published as to the important part that the railroads have played in the rapid development of Texas. It is true that without railroads the state could not have progressed so rapidly as it has, yet this does not prove that these corporations have conducted their business so as to aid the people in their work. The natural advantages in soil and climate have enabled them to make the progress which has been accomplished notwithstanding the adverse policy of the railroads. We cannot tell how much greater would have been the success under a more just and liberal administration of railroad affairs. Article 10 sec. 2 of the constitution commands the legislature to pass laws to prevent unjust discriminations in the rates of freight on the railroads in Texas. Discriminations by railroads assume so many different forms that it would be difficult if not impossible to name them.

I shall present only two phases of it as it affects the people of this state.

1st. The railroads discriminate against the local interests of the state in fixing the rates on shipments within the state and the rates on interstate business.

2d. They dis criminate between citizens of the state in the local traffic of all kinds.

The unreasonable difference made between the charges on shipment between points within this state and those made upon shipments into or beyond the state are very unfair to local business. The disparity runs through all classes of business and affects all interests. I will mention a few instances to illustrate their operations. Some months since the Dallas News published a statement from a prominent railroad man to the effect that first-class freight was carried from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Colorado, Texas, for $1 77 per hundred pounds and that the same class of freight was hauled from Dallas to the same point for $1 03 per 100 pounds. The distance from Cincinnati to Colorado City must be about 1,200 miles which would make the rate average 14 3 4 cents per hundred pounds per hundred miles. The distance, from Dallas to the same point is about 250 miles which would give an average rate per hundred miles of 40 2-3 cents per hundred pounds. The local rate is near three times the through rate on the same class of goods.

If a merchant of Colorado City should buy a carload of goods in Cincinnati and should ship them by Texarkana they would in transit reach the Texas and Pacific railroad at that point and pass through Dallas on the trip. If another merchant of Colorado should buy a carload of the same class at Dallas the train which carried the Cincinnati freight from that city would hitch it to the other car, and haul it by the same engine, and handle it by the same crew, for the same distance.

For hauling the Cincinnati car from Dallas the railroad would receive about 36 7 8 cents per hundred pounds, and for hauling the Dallas freight it would receive $1.03 which is more than two and a half times the amount collected on the former. This estimate is made upon the supposition that the road in Texas would receive a pro rata of the through freight in proportion to mileage. The general freight agent of one of the principal railroads in Texas made a statement before a committee of the house of the 21st legislature that the freight charges on lumber shipped from Beaumont to Dallas, Sherman or Denison was twenty one and a quarter cents per hundred ponnds which would be $8.50 per thousand feet. He stated that on lumber shipped from the same point to Omaha, Nebraska the same roads in Texas would haul to Denison and receive thirteen cents per hundred pounds or $5.20 per thousand feet. A car load of lumber is about five thousand feet. To show the working of this arrangement let us suppose that a train load of lumber consisting of ten cars should leave Beaumont, say four cars for Dallas, two for Sherman, two for Denison and two for Omaha. All the cars would be pulled by the same locomotives, over the same railroads, and handled by the same crews. The roads in Texas would receive as freight charges on each car-load of lumber hauled to the Texas points $42.50 and on each car-load destined to Omaha they would receive $26.00, adifference of $16.50 per car load. Illustrations of such discriminations might be multiplied indefinitely, but I give these because the information is furnished by railroad men and I do not believe that they are over the average of such differences.

Upon what basis can the railroad charge one man more than another for the same services? It must be that the cost of the railroads of one service is greater than the other or there is no justice in it. It is not possible that it could cost the railroad companies more to haul the Dallas freight or the lumber for Texas points than it would to haul the Cincinnati freight or Nebraska lumber when they are carried at the same time over identically the same road and handled by the same employes. One of two propositions is undeniably true. Either the interstate freight is carried for a sum much below a fair compensation which is a loss to the railroads, or the rates charged upon freights carried within this state is an outrageous extortion. It is not to be presumed that the railroads haul any freights below the point of fair compensation. It, therefore, follows that by reason of their unlimited power in Texas, they are levying upon the local business of this state, in the one case over 150 per cent., and in the other more than 60 per cent. above what is just. These are the cases of unjust discrimination against Texas interests and extortion upon our people. They are just such abuses as the constitution commands the legislature to correct and prevent.

The effect of this policy of the railroad corporations is to prevent building up of any manufacturing interests in this state. We must get our clothing, hats, boots and the like, our wagons, plows, and all machinery from other states, and our flour from still others. The mineral resources of the state must remain undeveloped, the raw material raised in the state must be shipped out for manufacture, and returned with the cost of transportation and profits added, while the grain produced from our own soil rots in the fields or is stored in the granaries useless for want of a market, while your neighbors consume that which is produced elsewhere and shipped in upon these discriminating rates.

This is the policy for which the people are called upon to bow down before the railroads in humble adoration. Every effort to secure justice is denounced as a war upon vested rights, communism and demagoguery. Ungrateful people, who have done no more than to build the roads and give them to the corporations. (Magnanimous corporations which do no worse than to take what is left.)

Discriminations among the citizens of the state is a great wrong. Each citizen is entitled to receive the benefit of a public service upon exactly the same terms. It is an undeniable fact that the railroads in Texas grant favors to some that are not extended to others. One or more jobbers of every city in the state are given advantages in rates which result in enriching them while their competitors are pressed by the freight exactions levied upon them. It does not benefit the masses, the consumers, for the reason that the selling price is fixed by the rate paid by the majority of those in the business. The favored merchants sell up to or within a fraction of the price of his competitors who pay regular rates. He makes the difference between the rate that he pays and that paid by his competitors. In addition to the injustice done by such discrimination there is another and greater evil that flows from it. The favored few are enlisted in the service of the corporations in their contests with the people. They are men of influence and they have exercised that influence to be felt in Texas. Of those not favored many are intimidated and prevented from taking active part against the corporations lest the reform movement should fail and the railroads should ruin them by further discriminations as a retaliation for their activity. When the commission bill passed the house of the Twenty-first legislature, command was borne with electric swiftness to every railroad station, and remonstrances were poured in upon the senate from the merchants of the cities and towns. The daily press teemed with interviews against the bill. When the freight bill came from the senate to the house, the wires again bore the words of command, and leading citizens from the cities and towns flocked to the capital and joined the railroad lobby. The result was that both measures were defeated.

This is a dangerous power to be exercised by corporations and a pernicious influence in the politics of the state. Their continuance means the domination of the railroads as in Pennsylvania and other states, of one of which it is said that its legislature has taken no action on the subject of railroads except to pass resolutions thanking the railroads for the passes furnished its members.

In my next article I shall attempt to show how these abuses can be corrected and prevented by the state. It would be a waste of time to recite the wrongs without offering a remedy.

Gen. George Crook.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—News of the death of General Crook was a great shock to the officials of the war department. Secretary Proctor was particularly affected by the intelligence as he had very intimate associations with Gen. Crook during his recent visit to Washington a few weeks ago. He sent a personal message of condolence to Mrs. Crook, and gave instructions for the preparation of a general order annoucing Gen. Crook's death to the army. This order will recite the personal worth and distinguished services of the deceased and will direct that flags on military posts be placed at half mast on the day of his funeral and also that officers of the service wear the usual badge of mourning for a period of thirty days.

Adjutant-General Kelton said this afternoon the funeral arrangements will be conducted directly in accordance with the wishes of the family, and will to some extent depend upon the time and place of the burial. From his personal acquaintance with Gen. Crook he was of the opinion he would not care to have any particular pomp or ceremony at his funeral. Details will be arranged, however, as soon as the wishes of the family are known.

Gen. Crook died in Chicago at the Grand Pacific hotel at 7:15 o'clock this morning of heart disease. There had not been the slightest warning that Gen. Crook was not perfectly well. He was at the army headquarters all day yesterday and last night at the hotel appeared to be in his usual good health. He got up as usual this morning at 7 o'clock and while dressing suddenly said to his wife:

"I can't breathe."

Mrs. Crook helped him to a sofa and a doctor was at once summoned, but before he could reach the room Gen. Crook was dead.

Mr. John S. Drake, proprietor of the Grand Pacific hotel and an intimate friend of Gen. Crook, made the following statement to an associated press reporter:

"Gen. Crook arose shortly before 7 o'clock this morning apparently in his usual health, and in accordance with his custom began exercising with weights and pulleys connected with an apparatus for the purpose which he kept in his room. After exercising for a few minutes he stopped and lay down on the lounge, saying he felt a difficulty in breathing. A few moments later he called out to his wife:

"Oh, Mary, Mary, I need some help. I can't get my breath."

"Assistance was at once summoned, and Dr. Hurlbut, who lives near by, was sent for. Everything that could be done was done, but he failed to rally, and died at 7:15 Mrs. Crook and her sister, Mrs. Reid, were the only members of the family at his bedside when he passed away. He had no children I suppose his death resulted from an affectation of the heart. For some weeks, in fact ever since he returned from his last trip to the northwest, he has been complaining of a bearing down sensation in the neighborhood of the heart."

Dr. V. L. Hurlbut, the physician who was summoned, says: "I arrived at Gen. Crook's bedside only four or five minutes before death supervened. He was suffering from irregular action of the heart, and his lungs or chest seemed to be filled up. We did what we could for him in the way of hot applications with sinatisms, hot bags on his feet, but he was in articulo mortis when I arrived, and died without rallying. It appeared to be a case of heart failure, but I could not be positive about that as I had never been called to attend him before. There may have been some stomach complications."

Major Randall of Gen. Crook's staff said:

"We have noticed for some time that Gen. Crook was not in his usual health. He was a man who never complained and said very little about his sufferings. At the theatre last night I saw that he was not feeling at all well, and asked him if he was in pain. He said 'no,' but I think that was the beginning of the end. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made. Gen. Schofield has been telegraphed to in regard to the matter and his wishes will be considered. The burial will probably take place at Oakland, Md., the home of his wife's people, though possibly it may be thought best to enter the remains in the Arlington national cemetery at Washington."

Gen. Crook was 61 years old in September last. The remains have been taken charge of by an undertaker, who is now preparing the body for its coffin.

The following is the message of Secretary Proctor:

Washington, March 21.—Mrs. George Crook, Grand Pacific hotel, Chicago: Let me join with the people of the country, which Gen. Crook served so well, in sorrow for our common loss and in sympathy with you in your bereavement.

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A Bit of Human Nature.

A Topeka clergyman disguised himself as a day laborer and sought work with but small success. He was agreeably surprised to find that man of the laboring classes are kind to each other and were willing to share with him. If any one will study the contributions to sufferers by such calamities as the Johnstown flood, the yellow fever epidemic of 1878 and the like he will find that the small subscriptions from the workingmen make up the greater part of the funds, and that the man who gives a day's income is generally a laborer or a man whose wages are small. It is the class over whom poverty always hangs and with whom suffering is near at hand that is most self-sacrificing and generous in aiding the suffering and destitute.—New York Telegram.

Flower.

How the universal heart of man blesses flowers. They are wreathed round the cradle, the marriage altar, and the tomb. The Persian in the far east delights in their perfume and writes his love in rose-eys, while the Indian child of the far west clasps his hands with glee as he gathers the abundant blossoms the illuminated scriptures of the prairies. The Cupid of the ancient Hindoos tipped his arrow with flowers, and orange flowers are a bridal crown with us, a nation of yesterday. Flowers garlanded the Grecian altar and hung in votive wreaths before the Christian shrine. All these are appropriate uses. Fowers should deck the brow of the youthful bride, for they are in themselves a lovely type of marriage. They should twine round the tomb, for their perpetually renewed beauty is a symbol of the resurrection. They should festoon the altar, for their fragrance and their beauty ascend in perpetual worship before the Most High.—Ex.

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EDITORIALS.

"A stitch in time saves a big rip."

Be politicians, but be sensible.

"Hog and hominy is the motto of the North Texas farmers.

Charity is unknown to some of the professed followers of Christ.

Forsake not your friends. Remember that ingratitude is the worst of vices.

In working for your own interest don't encroach upon the interests of others.

Christ said: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," Sam Jones to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An exchange says: "Reform is in the air." It certainly is for we fail to see it working on some men who we happen to know.

In the next issue of the Texas Farm & Ranch, W. R. Cole, a Dallas county farmer, will begin a series of articles, on the present condition of agriculture.

The Mississippi river is rising rapidly and it is feared that great damage will be done to the surrounding country by the bursting of the levee. Already part of the country is flooded.

The World's fair business is settled. Chicago succeeded in guaranteeing the $10,000,000, consequently the government appropriation bill was passed with the amendment that the fair is to be dedicated October 12, 1892 and the exposition to be opened to visitors May 1, 1893.

Free-For-All Race.

What does the DEMOCRAT say about a free-for-all race for congress, for state officers, and for president? We suppose if the idea would apply in such cases it would also in county races.—Examiner.

The DEMOCRAT insists that this question has been answered time and again. In state and presidential elections the two leading parties are organized, therefore, it becomes necessary for each party to nominate a ticket. But in localities where one party is overwhelmingly in the majority and the minority is not only a small fraction of the whole, but is making no attempt at organization, we can see no good reason for a few politicians to take the initiative simply to gratify their animosity against democrats who differ from them on the question of local politics. The DEMOCRAT has earnestly asked for a free-for-all race in order to avoid a certain amount of strife which always unnecessarily accompanies a campaign when party lines are drawn. The differences in county politics can be settled peacefully and fairly; but coercion by "cheeky" bulldozing will never work out a reform in this enlightened country. We kindly submit the above answer for the benefit of our contemporary.

Gen. Hogg has published several appointments to speak upon statet issues. He will speak at Dallas on the 10th. of next month.

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

The Farmersvill Times Says: A primary election, with an "honest ballot and a fair count" would impress the fact upon the minds of the opposition that the democratic party desires to voice the real wishes of the people, and not the politicians, who are too often denominated party bosses. It would also promote harmony, as every voter will feel that his voice was heard in the final count. Defeat is not half so hard to bear when the disappointed one knows it was fairly done.

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"Resolved, 4th: That it is the sense of this club that there should be primary conventions in the several voting precincts, and not primary elections.—Democratic Club of McKinney.

"Because primary conventions are more easily manipulated than primary elections, that's about the size of it."—Sherman Herald.

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"A Democrat who sets himself above the dictates of the party is a worse enemy to party oganization than an out and-out Republican."—McKinney Examiner.

"Will our McKinney neighbor kindly inform us if the party he belongs to is a party of dictation."—Sherman Herald

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The Fort Worth Gazette believes that this is a free county. It says:

"It does not seem out of place to remind those who do not wish to hear Sam Janes that this is a free country and they need not go unless they wish to do so. When an agnostic was advertised to speak at the opera house a few weeks since no man protested directly or indirectly; but now that a believer is advertised to speak in Fort Worth there is protest direct and indirect. Liberals should be liberals, and leave to each man to decide for himself whether he will hear Jones or not. This is a free country, and liberals cannot be bigots."

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The Sherman Register speaks out in meeting as follows:

"When we get the ball to rolling don't let it stop. "The ball that is rolling will gather no moss," and if there is anything this place can dispense with right now it is moss. If the backs of some men who profit a great deal by improvements were scraped there would be enough of the article gained to carpet the road to success."

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There is danger that the entire time of the comming legislature will be consumed in wrangling over the railway commission and the road law, and other matters of equally as much importance be lost sight of.—Examiner.

We do not think that there is any such danger. While railroad regulation will be the central question in the comming campaign, yet we presume that our legislators will not be so narrow-minded as to forget other important questions.

J. W. Throckmorton.

From all over Texas comes the hurrah for old "Throck" for governor of the Lone Star State. He has bravely taken the stand for the people and the latter will prove their unbounded gratitude by their influence in the coming contest.

The question of age as applied to our distinguished fellow citizen is simply nonsense. When only a youth he guarded our homes from the hands of the cruel savage. When strong manhood dawned upon him he remained battling for his fellow-citizens making their interest his own.

His demeanor is unasuming. He is undoubtly a true representative of the common people and it is nothing but justice that he should grace the gubernatorial chair of the grandest state of the Union.

Notwithstanding the booming reports and flourishing of trumpets for the great west, the black land of Cilin go at $25.00 to $30.00 per acre. We advise our friends to stay with it and it will stay with you. This is an Egypt for the drouth striken west.

Questions.

MCKINNEY, March 25, 1890

To the Examiner:

As you are so anxious for me to answer questions, allow me to submit a couple of questions to you, and all other papers in the county:

1st. Why is it that no paper in the county, except the DEMOCRAT, has published the views of Hon. T. J. Brown on railroad regulation, as contained in his series of articles now being published?

2d. If there is a deadlock in the convention between the railroad democracy and the people's democracy and a dark horse is forced upon us, will you support a candidate who believes in non-interference with railroads and thereby constantly force the producers to pay four dollars for one dollar's worth of service; or will you support a man who will stand by the people's rights, which is set forth in the commission bill?

Stand up, gentlemen, one by one, and answer. Don't evade the questions. As organizations have commenced, the people are anxious to know whether they are for the benefit of railroad corporations or not.

JOHN JOHNSON.

Texas Spring Palace.

FORT WORTH, March 20, 1890.

Editor Democrat:

We thank you for the interest which you are taking in the Texas Spring Palace. Will Collin county be represented at the palace? Being one of our close neighbors, we extend our hand and bid her welcome, knowing the expense of making the exhibit will be almost nothing compared with the many benefits to be derived. Your people have a very rich county indeed, and should be here; it will enhance the value of your property, and assist you in many ways.

We are assured of a season of great success; inquiries are being received daily, from capitalists and others throughout the older states making inquiries concerning the palace, the time of opening, and of other parts of the state. Of course, the counties represented here will receive the greatest benefits when such parties visit the state. What we need in this state mostly, is capital and immigration to develop our wonderful resources. The palace desires to gather up the raw materials of the state and present them in acceptable form before the visitors who will be here, and who will then choose for themselves the localities best suited to their tastes, invest their money and locate.

Do you wish any of these benefits? If so, please bring the matter before your people and have them organize at once, as space is being rapidly taken up, and unless prompt action is taken you may get left.

If we can assist you in anyway, advise us. Again thanking you for the kindness shown the palace, we remain, yours very truly, JOHN F. GROENE,
Secretary.

Patents Granted

To inventors in the State of Texas during the past week. Reported for this paper by C. A. Snow & Co., Patent Lawyers and solicitors, Opp. U. S. Patent office Washington, D. C.

J. H. Allen, Goldthwaite, Bridle-bit. G. R. Brown, Pledger, Tex., Machine for distributing poison on plants. W. E. Elam, Dallas, Cotton conveyor. A. J. Mauermann, Houston, Sub-marine channel protection. H. S. Moran, Aledo, wire fence. W. D. Porter, Mt Pleasant, Cotton chopper. B. W. Raines, Fulbrignt, Quilting-frame. J. L. Sullivan, Austin, Nut for vehicle-axles.

Drawings and specifications of any of these patents will be sent for the Government price. 25 cents, in stamps. Always give date of paper and address C. A. Snow & Co.

The citizens' meeting which was called by R. T. Quisenberry took place at the court-house yesterday evening. Resolutions were passed remonstrating against the passage by congress of the cotton-seed oil tax bill. The resolutions will be published in our next issue.

Subscribe for the DEMOCRAT.

CORRESPONDENCE.

White's Grove Affairs.

WHITE'S GROVE, March 24, '90

Editor Democrat:

The usual routine of news for his week is not extensive yet important. It can then be more readily written and interestingly read.

Mr. John Standerfer was very sick Saturday and Sunday. To-day he is better.

Mr. McDonald is recovering from a two week's spell of fever.

"Uncle" George Herndon has moved to town to live.

Walter Allen of Decatur was here last week visiting relatives. He returned home Saturday. Paul Burks went with him for a short stay.

Little Maggie White, who has been very ill for several weeks, is, we regret to state, no better.

Two dozen new songs for the Sunday school came yesterday. The Sunday school is flourishing. The regular attendance is between fifty and sixty. There is lately a marked increase in the attendance of the Sunday evening prayer-meeting.

The sound of the hammer and the ring of the saw has no doubt played its part in awakening this section to a new and better life. Our motto is, "Onward and upward."

The church house is going up rapidly. The frame is about completed. Two more weeks with fair weather will find the greater part of the work done. All work is under the direct supervision of the contractors, Hamilton & Berry. Subscription so far has been met very promptly, but there is still a portion of the "cash" subscription unpaid. It is due and is needed. All parties owing same are requested to come forward and pay at once, so the work can go on, without interruption, to completiou. Your reporter will try by next week to get a complete list of names with amounts paid for publication.

TEXAN.

Rhymes.

ALLEN, March 24, 1890.

The 'Lewkus' man and kindred clan,
Who try to make a mash on
Your readers through your columns, true
Have set a dangerous fashion.

So gentles rare, and ladies fair,
And maidens bright and pretty,
Be listening, what time I sing,
A song not wise nor witty.

'Tis of a town of slight renown,
Though fame might justly claim her,
Who wins a place in fortune's race,
And fame must "Allen" name her.

She has merchants content
With a Dutch 1 per cent.
She has doctors who'd raise up the dead.
She has peachers who preach
And teachers who teach,
In a manner as substantial as lead.

She has maidens as fair
As ever wore hair,
And, certes! right well they know it.
And youths taught to know
The way they should go,
And, Solomon's ghost! how they go it.'

As for worshipping mammon
She reckons that gammon.
She has food and fine raiment in store.
As for 'the root of all evil'
She could buy the old devil
And have a few nickels left o'er.

Wealth, beauty and youth,
She reports of a truth,
And virtue, if all did but show it.
But, alas! and alack!
And, oh, my! (it's a fact)
She hasn't anything that the wildest flight of the most florid and ingenious imagination would call a poet.

—UNCLE FULLER

From Fayburg.

FAYBURG, March 20, 1890.

Editor Democrat:

Our town is gradually building up.

A. M. Thompson's new residence is nearing completion and several more are contemplating building soon.

Prof. Green has discontinued his school until summer.

The Sunday school, with B. M. Pike as superintendent and John Stinebaugh secretary, is flourishing.

Dr. Thomas, who has recently located in our midst, is doing a good practice.

Mr. Jim Evans and Mrs. Gates were married last Sunday, Parson Billington officiating.

Miss Laura Lindsay, who has been attending school at Paradise, returned home last Saturday. She is affected with rheumatism and could no longer remain in school. Her brother, A. H. Lindsay, accompanied her.

An investigating meeting was held at Snow Hill a short time ago, by the ministers of the Campbellite church to discuss whether a man should have his sectarian horns knocked off or not before being baptized into that church.

Rev. Jemison preached a very interesting sermon at Snow Hill last Sunday.

The people no longer feel they are without friends for they can occasionally feel the warm hand shake of a candidate who is deeper interested in their crops and county than any one else under the sun.

There is a rumor afloat that L. L. Miller will be a candidate for justice of the peace precinct No. 2. Mr. Miller would make a good officer He is a true and tried citizen, and is as well qualified as any man in the precinct.

J. I. C.

From Princeton.

PRINCETON, March 22. 1890.

Editor of the Democrat:

Not seeing anything from his part of the "moral heritage" in the columns of the DEMOCRAT for some time, I write this to let you know that we are in the land of the living. Our city is quiet now. The song of the festive mosquito and the croakings of the frog in our streets and fish ponds reminds us that we are still alive. The farmers are very busy planting their corn and preparing for cotton.

The health of the surrounding country is good. Very few cases of sickness being heard of.

Mr. A. D. Drake is all smiles this week and says his prospects for the future is bright Cause—a—a—girl at his house.

The matrimonial panic has subsided, marriages being a thing of the past.

Three excellent discourses were delivered at our church last week by Rev. McConnell, who is an able and eloquent speaker.

Religon, crops and politics are the principal subjects of comment now with us, the latter name being our chief theme.

We see in the colums of the DEMOCRAT that the "Simon pures" are making arrangements to run the county and that said county has gone into the hands of receivers.

Poor old Collin, thou art at last bound in bonds of iniquity and still in the gall of bitterness. The movements of the "Simon pures" reminds us of a familiar quotation!

"Good night sweet repose. Half the bed and all the clothes."

We will close by wishing the DEMOCRAT unbounded success. I am still a

COUNTRY BOY.

Washington Letter.

[From our regular correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19, 1890.

Editor Democrat:

Uncertain as has been the weather thus far during Lent, the last few days have allowed of demure rides and much quiet shopping. Just how much the various charity organizations will be benefited by the work of fair hands in the afternoon spasms of labor that precedes the fashionable 5 o'clock can be easily ascertained, if the beautiful weather of this week continues. It might be well if of what little is gathered, a fair proportion were distributed at home. It makes even the coldest blood move when one reads, as last week, that a hard working and respectable old woman died alone of starvation, in an attic near the Capitol, and that the rats were gnawing at her flesh while life yet remained. The charity that sends clothes and religious consolation to the heathen in Africa cannot be misplaced, but it is fair to presume that there are times when it would be better placed.

The House committee will no longer attempt to pass a general land grant forfeiture bill, including lands adjacent to that part of the roads completed after the expiration of the time limit. The committee has been at work on a bill similar to the conference bill of the last session, which dealt with lands on roads not yet completed. The majority of the committee are satisfied that no bill providing forfeiture of all lands not earned by the roads within the time provided by law could pass the Senate. The bill that will probably pass will forfeit, however nearly eighty million acres.

Senator Sherman, from Senate finance committee, has presented his long-looked for anti-trust bill. The legislative wisdom which was expected to bring forth this panacea for poverty has produced a very long document, an instrument heavy enough to knock down Jay Gould himself. The new bill declares all combinations tending to prevent full and free competition in trade shall be unlawful and void, and provides for the punishment of the offender. The second section provides that any person or corporation suffering injury from such combination shall recover, on suit, twice the amount of damages sustained and the costs of the suit and attorneys fees.

The Dispatch, famous in the annals of many a junketing party, and which was brought by the government from the Lorrilards, who used it as a yacht, is aground where the Potomac widens to meet the bay, and all efforts to pull her off into navigable water have thus far proved fruitless. Secretary Tracy looked at her Monday, but he thought of the seamanship that let a vessel go clear aground in daylight and under slow headway, he did not express. Perhaps words failed him. The bay and river men enjoy the confusion of the kid gloved seamen immensely, and these high toned naval officers are busily engaged in transferring all blame to the broad shoulders of the steersman.

What with Uncle Sam's crack officers aground where the veriest tub that ever went down the river has never failed to find the channel, and Commander McCally on trial in Brooklyn for cruelty to his men the navy sings very small at the present writing.

The following item has been going the rounds of the press, and as our druggist, Bristol Bros., handle the goods, it may interest our readers: Having had occasion to use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it gives me pleasure to state that I found it to be the best medicine for a cough I ever used; in fact, it cured me of a cough that had baffled several other cough medicines.—N. R. Burnett, Atalissa, Iowa.

As we go to press we learn that our fellow townsman, Worth Ray, has returned home,

OUR FIRST ATTEMPT.

Wednesday,

Thursday

and Friday,

April 2, 3 and 4, 1890.,

We will give the people of Collin county a chance to supply themselves with their spring goods at prices that we can justly make the assertion, cannot be duplicated. In order to start the season lively, we will have one grand

SPECIAL SALE

—IN—

Dry goods, Clothing

Boots, Shoes,

Slipppers,

Ladies' and Men's

Hats.

These sales have been carried on for sometime, but it was impossible to notify all our country friends, so we will give them a chance for three days that will not alone make you say that you bought goods cheap, but you will always do your buying at

M. Arons.

DEERING JUNIOR STEEL BINDER.

KING OF THE HARVEST FIELD.

Works Perfectly on Rough, Uneven Ground.—Some Others do not.
Works Perfectly in Tall, Heavy Grain.—Some Others do not.
Works Perfectly in Light, Short Grain.—Some Others do not.
Works Perfectly in Badly Lodged Grain.—Some Others do not.

Strongest Frame, Simplest Construction, Lightest Draft, Greatest Durability, Most Easily Managed. GREAT IMPROVEMENTS for 1890 place it further than ever in the lead of pretended rivals.

OUR ASSORTMENT OF GRAIN AND GRASS-CUTTING MACHINERY is made complete with our

DEERING LIGHT REAPER.
DEERING GIANT MOWER.
DEERING LIGHT MOWER.
Each the Leader in its Class.

Our DEERING BINDER TWINE made by ourselves is the best in the world. We are the only Harvester Manufacturers who adopted this practical method of protecting farmers against poor Twine.

Apply to our nearest agent for Illustrated Catalogue and Full Information or write direct to us.

WM. DEERING & CO., Chicago.

The Triumph of Steel in Harvester Building.

When in 1886 the Harvesting machine made practically of steel instead of wood, was introduced it was denounced by all harvester manufactures, except the manufacturers introducing it—William Deering & Co.—because, as they said, it was not as durable as the wooden machines, but in reality their denunciation was caused by the fact that they feared that it would overturn the old methods of manufacture and give the farmers machines so durable in structure as to prevent their frequent reappearance to purchase another machine.

Wm. Deering & Co., however persisted in giving the farmers the benefit of their inventive ability, and in four harvest seasons they have forced every other manufacturer worth calling such to build an imitation steel machine. For 1890 the farming public will see the greatest achievement—The New Junior Steel Binder.

Mrs. J. J. Handley, daughter of C. H. Hedrick of this city, was cured last October in Waco by J. P. Riveroll and she considers him as her life preserver. The doctor is here only until March 31. Consult him about your condition. He can tell at a glance if your system is attacked by worms, stomach liver or tapeworms. His genteel medicine expells them in about three hours. No cure, no pay. Healthy people have congratulated themselves on having seen him and being convinced of the abscence of worms. Many diseases are caused by those parasites and their removal prevents many complaints. Take your children to Dr. Riveroll.

Notice.

To the Alliance Brotherhood of Collin County—

I will give public lectures on labor and co-operation at the following named places and time:

Rowlett—Saturday, March 29, 6:30 p. m.

White's Grove—Monday, March 31, 6:30 p. m.

Crescent—Tuesday, April 1, 6:30 p. m.

The above lectures will be public. The brethren are expected to publish them and have as many out as possible. The ladies have a special invitation to come. I am authorized to organize. Any wishing such will please notify me.

G. S. WILSON,
F. A. C. L.

J. E. Wilson visited Corsicana this week.

From Stiff's Chapel.

STIFF CHAPEL, March 22, '

Editor of the Democrat.

There have been a number of sad happenings in our midst since we last wrote you. On Saturday last John Usry, an old and esteemed citizen, yielded to the mighty conquerer and was buried on Sunday. On Monday following Henry Williams was placed beside loved ones. We extend to the bereaved ones of each our deepest sympathy.

The farmers are busy planting corn and getting ready to do battle with Gen. Green. We had a delightful rain last evening and this morning. Spring in all her glory is with us. The school at this place will close in one month from now after a term of five and one-half months.

Rev. Mack has been conducting a prayer-meeting at the Chapel. Rev. Fuqua preached for us on last Sunday.

J. W. Thomas' lecture last Sabbath was well attended and has called forth much comment The majority was pleased and we insure at his next lecture a larger attendance. Your correspondent attended the lecture at McKinney by J. E. Remsburg, and for fairness and facts we never heard anything to equal him. We noticed quite a number of ladies present which disproves the proposition: All women are so prejudiced as to not give liberalism a hearing. We let up for the present. Wish we could write poetry but as that part of our education has been neglected we close without a murmer.

ROXIE.

We learn that during the storm last Friday evening the lightning struck the store house of Clarence Rucker at Altoga in this county. It did little damage besides exciting Clarence by its resemblance of something he had heard of in the future.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. Seymour Neathery of Farmersville visited our city this week.

Corn and oats taken at the highest market price in exchange for lumber, at Nenney & Pardue's. 37-1y

Mrs. Wells and Mrs John Culknor left last Monday for Fort Worth to visit Darius Culknor and wife.

Collin county for cotton and corn, but Brazoria county, Alvin, for pears, strawberries and grapes.

Mrs. L. L. Prichett, from near Farmersville, was in the city this week.

Don't go to R. M. Board's shoddy goods. He does not keep them.

Miss Molly Work, an efficient teacher from Melissa, was in the city last Sunday.

R. M. Board informs us that he is prepared to show his people the largest stock of dry goods ever brought to McKinney.

Jun Mitchell, an ancient member of the bachelor's club of Honey Grove, was in to see us the other day. John says they will make a reduction of the visitation fee to newspaper men.

See R. M. Board's mammoth stock of dry goods before you purchase elsewhere. He is prepared to give you a bargain.

Miss Nioba Hedrick visited her sister at Denison last Sunday.

Mr. D. C. Pardue of east Collin, brother of our fellow townsman, Mr. Pardue, was in the city last Saturday.

A spicy letter from Wilmeth school-house is crowded out until next week.

Dr. S. P. Riverolll arrived in the city last Monday evening and received a hearty welcome at the Planters house, where he will remain until March 31.

Messrs. W. C. Smith and Frank Culberson of Tennessee spent several days in the city last week, guests of Mr. J. R. Pardue. They left on Monday to look at the western country. In case they should not be favorably impressed, will return and locate in Collin county. We would be pleased to have those gentleman locate with us for we think there is no better county in Texas than old Collin.

Mr. F. T. Traub, the live agent and interpeter for Dr. Riverolll, paid the DEMOCRAT a visit and is very well pleased with our city. It is a rarity he says to find one Texas city of its size with such a business-like appearance, good streets and sidewalks, and especially well lighted by electricity.

Notice.

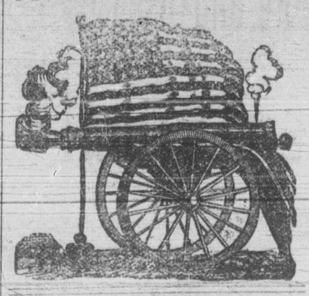
FRANKLAND Tex., March 20, 90.
To the Alliance brotherhood of Collin, county: The next regular session of the Collin county Alliance, will meet on the 32 Wednesday in April it being the 16th day. The Alliances will meet with Hickory in Alliance four miles north of Farmersville. Delegates coming on the railroad will have to go to Farmersville the 15th. All Alliances are requested to send delegates as there will be business of importance to be attended to. Fraternally, yours,
KENT, K KERR,
County Secretary.

Notice.

FARMERSVILLE, March 22, '90.
To the Democrat:
All delegates to the County Convention to be held on the 16th April, 1890, at the Hickman school house No. 890, who come by public conveyance, will be met at Farmersville by committee and convey them out to Hickory Alliance on Tuesday evening the 15th.
J. M. WRIGHT
A. J. DUNN,
Committee.

Dr. S. P. Riverolll is a regular graduate from Mexico City Medical College. His fame in Texas is spreading in every direction and very high testimonials prove that nothing about him is exaggerated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.



We are authorized to announce the name of WILLIAMS WARDEN as a candidate for Tax Collector, subject to the action of the democratic party.

We are authorized to announce the name of W. H. SIMS as a candidate for City Treasurer at the election to be held in April next.

We are authorized to announce the name of CLINT THOMPSON as a candidate for City Treasurer at the election to be held in April next.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. H. WOOD as a candidate for City Assessor at the election to be held in April next.

We are authorized to announce the name of W. D. O'GWIN as a candidate for City Secretary, election next April.

We are authorized to announce the name of A. L. JONES as a candidate for re-election to the office of City Marshal, at the ensuing April election.

We are authorized to announce the name of SAM BURK as a candidate for City Marshal, election next April.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. T. ANDREWS as a candidate for Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1, subject to the action of the democratic party.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. M. BALL, as a candidate for Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1, subject to the action of the democratic party.

W. C. JONES authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for re-election to the office of District Clerk, subject to the action of the democratic party.

GEO. B. ADAMS authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the action of the democratic party.

Corn and cotton planters for sale at J. G. Mathews & Co.

Read Capt. Brown's letter, No. 5, in this issue.

Send in your communications. We want to hear from all over the county.

Murphy, Perry & Co. are very busy placing their mammoth stock of goods which are arriving daily.

See R. M. Board's big stock of goods.

J. S. McMillen, late of Kentucky and a noble your man, is now clerking for Tom McMullen.

Farmers, go to J. G. Mathews & Co. to get your farming implements.

Read the advertisement of M. Aron in this issue and then visit his store where a host of polite clerks will greet you.

Remember J. G. Mathews & Co. handle the Deering Binder.

When you come to town and if you want real genuine bargains in dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, call on M. Aron.

The best buggy and wagons can be found at J. G. Mathews & Co.

If you want a good cultivator or plows of any kind call on J. G. Mathews & Co.

Postoffice Inspector Day gave us a sudden call a few days ago. He reported everything "right side up with care" in the McKinney office. Mr. Cox says it was a rigid examination, consequently he is proud of the verdict.

Our delinquent subscribers should help us by coming forward and paying up. Our expenses are heavy.

If you want to invest in fruit lands near the best markets in the South write G. W. Durant & Co., Alvin, Tex., for circulars.

Go to the Racket store and supply yourself with first class cheap goods. They are actually selling at cost and it will pay you to call there and examine their stock. Don't forget this advice.

Last Saturday night the electric wire dropped down and came in contact with the telegraph wire of the East Line depot. The machinery was somewhat damaged and possibly, the depot would have burned up if it had not been for the timely appearance of the efficient agent, D. C. Briston and his employe.

'Tis strange, ladies will go on month after month suffering with some female disorder, which one bottle of Dr. Dromgoole's English Female Bitters would speedily correct.

Business Directory.

The following list was hastily gotten up and may be incomplete. We think it is a good showing for our city:

Dry Goods—
Mississippi store.
M. Aron.
Ben. W Rhine.
S. Weisman.
B. F. Houston & Co.
R. M. Board.
G. C. Mountcastle & Co.

Shoe Store—
W. P. Suttle.

Notions—
Racket store.
Nickel Store.

Grocery—
Battle & Ingram.
R. L. Waddill.
Jesse Shain.
Hill & Webster.
Heard & Brook.
W. B. Newsom.
Tom McMullen.
Adams Bros.
C. S. Battle.
Shrader & Bryan.
Henry Lewis.

Drugs—
Smith Bros.
H. C. Herndon.
Bristol Bros.
E. N. McAuley & Bro.

Furniture—
Nale & Dies.
J. P. Crouch & Co.
Kendall & Barnes.

Hardware—
J. P. Dowell.
H. A. McDonald.

Restaurant and Confectionery—
A. T. Wilson & Co.
A. K. Rutledge.

Lawyer—
R. C. White.
M. H. Garnett.
Jenkins & Pearson.
Muse & Mangum.
Tom Andrews.
Craig & Wolfe.
H. L. Davis.
J. S. Jenkins.
J. A. Evans.
Abernathy & Beverly.
Church & DeArmand.
G. R. Smith.
J. L. Doggett.
Worth Ray.

Real Estate—
F. M. Thompson.
Jenkins & Wilson.
Aron Coffey.

Machinery—
J. G. Matthews & Co.
J. C. Moore.
J. S. & S. D. Heard.

Saddle and Harness—
J. S. & S. D. Heard.

Beef Market—
Barnes.
Allen.

Hotel—
Foote House
Kentucky House.
Belmont.
City Hotel.
Mrs. Martin.

Physicians—
Gibson & Erwin.
Wylie & Sims.
M. S. Metz.
V. T. Chew.
S. H. Abbott.
Geo. D. Parker.

Dentist—
H. L. Pearson.

Saloons—
Standard Gauge.
Elm.
Rumbo.
A. L. Cole.
Uncle Burl.
Parlor.
Howard & Williams.
Peter Turbitt.

Abstractors—
Byrne & Wilson.

Surveyor and City Engineer—
Sam Cole.

Book Store—
Seay & Seay.
Coleman & White.

Jewelry—
D. Goodin.
Henry Taylor.
J. B. Austin.

Bank—
First National.
Collin County.

Livery Stable—
Todd Warden.
Gabe Beck.

Feed Store—
Dolph Mayes.
Porter & Goodwin.

Barber Shop—
Bradley & McIver.
W. R. Dedmon.

Shoemaker—
J. B. Pond.
R. L. Parker.
W. P. Polly.
J. F. Hollander.

Singer Sewing Machine—
M. B. Rexrode.

Grain Buyers—
Webb, Hynds & Co.
Harrison & Co.

Mill—
Alliance.
Mill and Elevator Co.
Obenshain.

Ginners—
Burger Bros.
D. F. Gerrish.

Steam Laundry—
W. H. Bristol & Son.

Millinery—
Mrs. Fannie Johnson.
Mrs. O. M. Calhoun.

Blacksmith—
R. C. Knott
Bill Miller.
Bill Pershon.
Farris & Hancock.

Gunsmith—
J. R. Parker.

Lumber—
Nenney & Pardue.
J. M. Wilcox & Sons.

Photographer—
G. R. Wear.
G. D. Wakely.
H. T. Conner.

Insurance Agent—
Jno. D. Page.
F. H. Welch.
Ball & Coffey.

Tailor—J. Tinning.

Marble Yard—Walcott Bros.

Newspapers—
Daily Examiner.
Enquirer.
Examiner.
Gazette.
DEMOCRAT.
Whoop.

Chestnuts!

Hitching racks.

Clean up or shut up.

Improve your property,

Paved squares and streets.

Go to church and do better.

Sidewalks that need no fixing.

John S. Rike of Farmersville was in the city this week.

Gully Wilson of Graybill was in the city last Tuesday.

There is nothing sold as high as a dollar at the Nickel store.

"Keep your shirt on unless you want to put on a clean one."

If you want to grow rich raising strawberries and pears, write G. W. Durant & Co., Alvin, Tex., who will send full particulars.

Robt. Erwin returned this week from a visit to Ennis. His mother accompanied him home and will remain in our midst for several days.

The Racket store is now selling at cost to close and will pay you to come and see us for we will sell. Come and see us.

Go to the Racket store and supply yourself with first-class cheap goods. They are actually setting at cost and it will pay you to call there and examine their stock. Don't forget this advice.

R. M. Board is an experienced merchant, and consequently buys the best goods at the lowest prices.

We were pleased to meet Dr. Gale on our streets this week. The Doctor is looking well and has been traveling extensively since he left our county. He speaks of locating in Dallas.

Alvin, the place becoming so noted for its fruits, is midway between Galveston and Houston, and but thirty-two miles from Brazos City—soon to be the great sea port of the Southwest.

The Racket store is now selling at cost to close out and will pay you to come and see us for we will sell. Come and see us.

A team ran away last Tuesday. It started near the corner at Battle's grocery store and ran down the street and then across Nenney and Pardue's lumber yard. Two men were in the wagon but escaped with slight injuries. The wagon was damaged considerably. Give us hitching racks.

A man who has practiced medicine for 40 years, ought to know salt from sugar; read what he says:

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 10, 1887.

Messrs. F. J. Cheney & Co.—Gentlemen:—I have been in the general practice of medicine for most 40 years, and would say that in all my practice and experience have never seen a preparation that I could prescribe with as much confidence of success as I can Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by you. Have prescribed it a great many times and its effect is wonderful, and would say in conclusion that I have yet to find a case of catarrh that it would not cure. If they would take it according to directions. Yours truly,
L. L. GORSUCH, M. D.
Office, 215 Summit St.

We will give $100 for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured with Hall's Catarrh Cure. Taken internally.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props.,
Toledo, Ohio.
Sold by druggists, 75c.

Go to R. M. Board to purchase your spring and summer wear.

Marriage Bells.

The following marriage licenses were issued by County Clerk Keen since our last publication:

W. A. Powers and Cora E. Collins, G. W. Utt and Arnie B. Reece.

THE NEW DISCOVERY

You have heard your friends and your neighbors talking about it. You may yourself be one of the many who know from personal experience just how good a thing it is. If you have ever tried it, you are one of its staunch friends, because the wonderful thing about it is, that when once given a trial Dr Kings New Discovery ever after holds a place in the house. If you have never used it and shonld pe afflicted with a cough, cold or any Throat, Luug or Chest trouble, secure a bottle at once and give it a fair trial. It is guaranteed very time, or money refunded Trial Bottle Free at E. N. M Auley & Bro's

Died.

We regret to chronicle the death of Henry Bennett who died at his home in Allen last Tuesday evening. It will be remembered that he sustained serious injuries by the falling of the East Fork bridge nearly a year ago. It is claimed that his death was caused by the unfortunate occurrence.

The DEMOCRAT extends its sympathy to mourning relatives and friends.

Stockholders' Meeting.

On the last Saturday of March, the 29th, 1890, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the high school building in Farmersville, Tex., there will be held a meeting of the stockholders in the Alliance cotton yard for the purpose of business transaction. All Alliance people are cordially invited to attend.

JOSHUA GOTCHER.
Pres. Board of Directors.

Mr. Morgan of the Racket store has just returned from a western tour. He speaks highly of that country. He says Vernon is a lively town with street railways and many other improvements. Electric lights were contracted for last Saturday by that city. He says prairie dogs are numerous out there even in the streets of Vernon. At present rain is needed there.

At Cost! At Cost!

I take pleasure in informing the ladies that I will from this date until September 1st, sell them millinery and notions at cost. I will carry, during the entire season, the choice new shapes in hats and bonnets and the trimmings necessary for them. On Wednesday and Saturday of each week I will have special sales in goods including pattern hats. Extending you a cordial invitation to call and see that I mean the above, I am respectfully,

MRS. FANNIE JOHNSON.

Mr Walcott on South Chesnut street has exchanged his place of residence for that of Mrs. Pucket in the north part of the city, and which property we learn has been traded by that gentleman to Mr. Bass, for a fine farm near the town of Lebanon.

Eupepsy.

This is what you ought to have, in fact, you must have it, to fully enjoy life. Thousands are searching for it daily, and mourning because they find it not. Thousands upon thousands of dollars are spent annually by our people in the hope that they may attain this boon. And yet it may be had by all. We guarantee that Electric Bitters, if used according to directions and the use persisted in, will bring you good digestion and oust the demon dyspepsia and install instead Eupepsy. We recommend Electric Bitters for Dyspepsia and all diseases of liver, stomach and kidneys Sold at 50c and $1 per bottle, by E. N. McAuley & Bros., druggists.

To Our Readers.

Our readers will do us a kindness to mention our paper when patronizing our advertisers, as the latter are always anxious to know whether it is paying them or not.

What do you think of Tom Brown's articles?

The Physicians of the

San Francisco Board of Health Certify

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Pure, Healthful, of Highest Strength and Character.

[Fac-simile of their original Report.]

We, the members of The Board of Health of the City and County of San Francisco, cordially approve and recommend the Royal Baking Powder. It is absolutely pure and healthful, composed of the best ingredients of the highest strength and character.

In our judgment, it is impossible to make a purer or stronger Baking Powder than the "Royal".

Jos. R. Davidson, M.D.
Chas. McLaughlin M.D
Henry Ellis, Sec.
J. J. Levintritt, M.D

San Francisco, August 5th., 1889.

Notice.

R. T. Quisenberry, president of the Collin county Alliance, announces to Alliance members who subscribed money to the Dallas Exchange to be on hand at the next county meeting or instruct their delegates to represent them as he will present their stock papers all O. K. with full explanation. S. D. Duncan has been requested to be at said meeting.

Struck on the Head.

Last Saturday night Jim Morrell was hit on the head by one Jno. Norris. As far as we were able to learn, Morrell lives a few miles west of the city and Norris is working for him. They came to town together and it seems that after dark Norris wanted to take the team and wagon and go home, to which Morrell objected. This so enraged Norris that he struck Morrell with (it is supposed) a rock and fled. He was overtaken by the officers and lodged in jail. The wound inflicted on Morrell was a severe one.

Here it is, and it fills the bill much better than anything we could say: "It gives me the greatest pleasure to write you in regard to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. During the past winter I have sold more of it than any other kind, and have yet to find any one, but what was benefited by taking it. I have never had any medicine in my store that gave such universal satisfaction."—J. M. Roney, Druggist, Geuda Springs, Kansas. Fifty cent bottles for sale by Bristol Bros.

The sprightly Editor of the VanAlstyne News quit the dull pricincts of his own place and gave our flourishing city a visit this week.

To candidates: If you want the people to know that you are in the race, you had better announce in the DEMOCRAT.

Jim Rudolph left the little burg of Greenville and paid McKinney a pleasant visit last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. James Lambert, of New Brunswick, Illinois, says: "I was badly afflicted with rheumatism in the hips and legs, when I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It cured me in three days. I am all right to-day and would insist on every one, who is afflicted with that terrible disease, to use Chamberlain's Pain Balm and get well at once." For sale by Bristol Bros.

For Sale.

A first-class New Home sewing machine can be bought reasonably. Inquire at this office.

Smith Bros.

Keep on hand fresh drugs, patent medicines of all kinds. Also toilet articles of any description; in fact, everything in the drug line. Call and see them, east side of the square.

Dear reader, kindly ask your neighbor to subscribe for the DEMOCRAT.

"In my extensive practice among women," writes an eminent physician, who has made the study of female diseases a specialty, "never have I found a female tonic and regulator so happily combined as in Dr Dromgoole's English Female Bitters."

It is a fact that the Racket store is closing out its stock of notions, hardware, tinware, clothing, hats etc Here is your chance to buy cheap.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for cuts, bruisks, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, childblains, corns and all skin eruptions and Positively cures Piles, or no money required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satfacis tion, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For Sale By E N McAULAY and Bro

You are Mistaken,

If you think you can get shoddy goods at R. M. Board's. He handles nothing but the best at the lowest price. Those who doubt this should call and see before purchasing elsewhere. His genial clerks will take pleasure in waiting on you.

We learn that some of the young kids stampeded in a row last Saturday night on West Louisiana street. We don't suppose that any one of them was badly wounded.

A Pleasing Scene

Of health and strength renewed and of ease and comfort follows the use of Syrup of Figs, as it acts in harmony with nature to effectually clense the system when costive or bilious. For sale in 50c and $1.00 bottles by all leading druggists.

R. M. Board says, others may leave McKinney but he is going to stay. In other words he cannot get away. Come and trade with him.

We took a stroll over our city last Sunday evening, and we must say that we were agreably surprised at the "spreading" appearance. We noticed several new houses going up in the north part of McKinney. Petersburg on the south is getting so big we learned that her good citizens are actually talking of applying for a charter. Hurrah, for our queen of North Texas.

R. M. Board is selling piles of goods to the people of collin county. He handles the best the market affords at the most reasonable prices.

Finest assortments of notions at the Nickel store, cheap.

We note that Major E. F. Brown, former citizen of this place, is a candidate for alderman in the 4th ward of Sherman. We hope he will be elected.

Spend your nickels at the Nickel store.

McKinney, March 18, 1890.
To the Public.

I hereby announce myself as a horse doctor. I can cure every disease of the horse except the glanders. Call at my residence one mile northwest of McKinney at the Waddill farm. No cure, no pay. Respectfully, T. J. JARNAGIN.

Everybody is going to the Nickel store to buy good, cheap articles.

Died.

Mr Wm. Henry died at his home about 11 miles east of McKinney last Sunday morning after an illness of only two days. Mr Henry has been a citizen of Collin county for a long time, and was regarded as one of its best citizens by all who knew him. The DEMOCRAT hereby extends it sympathy to the bereaved relatives and friends.

SYRUP of FIGS

Presents in the most elegant form
THE LAXATIVE AND NUTRITIOUS JUICE
—OF THE—
FIGS OF CALIFORNIA,
Combined with the medicinal virtues of plants known to be most beneficial to the human system, forming an agreeable and effective laxative to permanently cure Habitual Constipation, and the many ills depending on a weak or inactive condition of the
KIDNEYS, LIVER AND BOWELS.
It is the most excellent remedy known to
CLEANSE THE SYSTEM EFFECTUALLY
When one is Bilious or Constipated
—SO THAT—
PURE BLOOD, REFRESHING SLEEP, HEALTH and STRENGTH
NATURALLY FOLLOW.
Every one is using it and all are delighted with it.
ASK YOUR DRUGGIST FOR
SYRUP OF FIGS
MANUFACTURED ONLY BY
CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
LOUISVIL E, KY. NEW YORK, N. Y

YOUNG CLYDE!

DESCRIPTION AND PEDIGREE.

Mahogany bay, 5 years old, white batch on face, hind feet white bred by J. H. Seever of Alexis, Ill. Dam is a Clyde and Whip mare; sire is "Liberty," a Scotch Clyde horse imported by Robert Halloway of Alexis, Ill., he by Prince of Wales. Said to be the best Clyde horse owned in Scotland.

The horse will stand at my stable, 7 miles northwest from McKinney and one mile west of Liberty church. To insure mare in foal, $10; money due when the fact is ascertained, or when the mare is traded or taken out of the county. Care taken to prevent accidents, but will not be responsible if any occur.

Premium of $25 will be given for best colt at six months.

JOE RAGSDALE, Roland, Tex.

RESULTED AT WATERLOO.

Pardon Extended to an Old Soldier in Rhode Island.

Seventy-two years ago, save a letter from Providence, R. I., Robert Tirrell committed a crime against his reigning sovereign, King George the Third of England. Three days ago Tirrell, now 93 years old, received a royal pardon for his offense from the hands of his offended monarch's granddaughter, Queen Victoria, and now, after an absence of nearly three quarters of a century, he is about to return to his native land that he may die among his kin and again see the places he knew before compelled to go into exile.

Tirrell's crime was one that the present generation regard very lightly. He was a soldier in the Buffs, one of King George's regiments, which had just returned from the United States, where it had participated in the war of 1812. Tirrell, at the age of 20, enlisted in this battalion a few days after its return to England, and was ordered to proceed with it to Belgium, some twenty-four months later, where Napoleon was playing his last stake for empire. He was a simple country lad, and had been inveigled into enlistment by a cunning recruiting sergeant who had made him drunk and then slipped the king's shilling into his pocket, thus enabling him to drag the rustic off to the wars in spite of his entreaties.

Tirrell admits that he was a great coward, and that glory had no attractions for him. He was in such mortal fear of Bonaparte, whom he had been taught to look upon as an ogre, that the troops were reviewed by the prince regent. Previous to their departure for France he stepped from the ranks as he, who was afterward George the Fourth, rode done the line, and begged to be allowed to go home. The prince called him a poltroon and passed on.

Being in Gen. Picton's division and encamped on the banks of the River Nivelles, Tirrell, on the 18th of June, 1815, planned with a comrade to escape the impending battle by deserting. This comrade was also an abject coward and trembled at the prospect of encountering the conqueror of Europe, but being detected he was unable to get beyond the lines, and on the 14th, the eve of the great battle of Waterloo, his fear was so great that he deliberately severed the hamstring of his left leg, thus crippling himself for life. He was taken to the medical quarters, and Waterloo was fought and won without his presence.

During the one hundred day's occupation of Paris this miserable coward was tried by courtmartial and sentenced to death. The duke of Wellington did not approve the proceedings, when submitted to him. He thought the honorable form of death from the muskets of soldiers was too good for the coward. The sentence was therefore changed, and the condemned was sentenced to have the hamstring of the other leg severed, and to be kept a prisoner at Fort Pitt, Chatham, for the rest of his life. Furthermore, than on every anniversary of Waterloo he was to be taken from his bed and flogged with cat-o'-nine-tails, one hundred lashes per annum.

In the meantime Tirrell had better luck. He succeeded in crossing the Nivelles, and the next day fell into the hands of Marshal Ney's dragoons, who first sabered him and then questioned him. Having learned the cause of his desertion they had no use for him, and he was allowed to take himself off with a terrible gash in his shoulder. He finally succeeded in reaching Havre, where he secured a place aboard an American ship, and came to this country. In Richmond, Va., he married, reared a large family, and is now a great-great-grandfather.

Seventy years have been added to the march of time since the night when Private Tirrell's terror of Bonaparte caused him to sever his connection with the house of Hanover. The king whose colors he deserted, has been mouldering in his mausoleum nearly three score years and ten; the regent who called him coward has reigned and been dust more than half a century; so, too, that great ogre, Napoleon Bonaparte, of whom he stood in more dread than the devil. A third monarch of England came and went the way of all men, and another has sat on the throne of England half a hundred years, and yet Robert Tirrell has lived and flourished, but dared not set foot on British soil.

That he might have done so with perfect safety any time during the last fifty years there can be no doubt, but Tirrell would take no chances. When he lived in England there was more than two hundred offenses for which the prescribed punishment was death, and desertion was one of them. Pillories and ear-cropping were still fashionable. Tyburn tree blossomed every Monday morning with struggled law-breakers, and if was penal servitude to damn the royal family in the hearing of two or more persons. All things considered, Tirrell thought it prudent not to leave American soil. Had his offense been committed a few years before 1815 he could have obtained pardon in a very short time, as his king, at his jubilee celebration, extended the same clemency to deserters as Queen Victoria now extends to commemorate the fiftieth year of her reign.

These pardons are only granted at jubilees, and as there had been but three royal jubilees among the monarchs of England from the time of Cesar, Tirrell's chances were slim.

In June last we read in the papers about the royal proclamation, and, having obtained a copy of it, he wrote to the Horse guards for the pardon vouchsafed him. It is stated that when his great-great-grandson sat down to address the letter at the old man's dictation the latter told him to send to the duke of Wellington, whom, for the moment, he thought to be still at the head of the British army. The lad told him the Iron Duke had been in his grave near forty years, and then the letter was addressed to the colonel of the "Buffs," who, no doubt forwarded it to the Horse guards.

The search among the ancient archives of Waterloo must have given the war-office clerks a pile of trouble, for the answer did not arrive till Wednesday last. It was not much of a document to come from the hand of an Empress—a plain piece of printed paper, containing all the curtness of such correspondence. It merely states in a matter-of-fact way, that Private Tirrell, who absented himself from his regiment without leave on June 14, 1815, is by this royal decree exempt from further military service, and from the pains and penalities of his offense. There is a war office stamp affixed, and Private Tirrell is informed that should he be recognized and arrested as a deserter he must produce this parchment or apply for a duplicate.

Recognized! At the present time there is not a man in the British army who was not then he quit the ranks. The unsentimental officials took no more notice of Tirrell than if he had deserted but yesterday, and those who know them well assert that were a man to ask for a pardon in the name of one who skedaddled during the reign of Elizabeth, the dunderheads would send the same printed form if they discovered the name on the rolls of that age.

Tirrell was born in Okehampton, Devonshire, and tonight he begins his journey homeward, sailing from New York next week. He has had the queen's pardon sewed in the lining of his vest, but does not expect to suffer any temporary inconveniences from recognition.

A singular thing about this old man is that in his old age he became positively valiant. During the late war, when he was a man of 70, he wanted to be enrolled for fighting against the invading union armies. At one time he shouldered a musket and helped to defend a house which had been besieged by some of Gen. Banks' soldiers. In this affair he exhibited great bravery and wanted to lead a party to attack the soldiers from without. As soon as he made the acquaintance of courage he began to cultivate it, now, at the age of 93, he is quite a combative old boy.

Rev. Mr. Eastwood, an Episcopalian minister at Pawtucket, was formerly a resident in Chatham, one of the large garrisons of England, and he well remembers the hamstrung wretch who was confined in Fort Pitt. The fellow outlived nearly all those who fought bravely and survived the battle, and he amassed several thousand pounds sterling, saved from pence given by visitors to the fort. For many years the lashes were laid on lustily, according to the sentence of the court-martial, but during latter years of his life he was flogged only with ribbons on every 18th of June.

Mr. Eastwood has visited him frequently, and was much amused at the severity of his keepers, who, of course, expected to be his heirs. He tells the writer that the fellow died about twenty-five years ago, and that his pockets when visitors with cash were not found was something awful. The hamstrung rogue's body lies in the military graveyard, to which Tirrell will make a pilgrimage for the sake of old associations.

The Wilberforce Wit.

Mr. William Wilberforce, who died not long ago in England, transmitted the family wit to a daughter, who is a worthy niece to the Right Reverend Samuel Wilberforce, one of the wittiest as well as ablest prelates of modern times.

Mrs. Wilberforce once contested a large Yorkshire borough, and when he mounted the hustings on the day of the election, he left his daughter seated in the carriage. The Conservative mob recognized her, and surrounded her with shouts of "Miss Wilberforce forever!"

The lady let down the carriage window and smiled with a laugh, "No, my friends, not Miss Wilberforce forever!"

An eminent English divine has said of Mr. Wilberforce that "he entered a room with all the quietness of an angel and all the agility of a monkey."—*St. Louis Magazine.*

AN ACTOR'S LOVE-LETTERS

And Other Matters for the Hopper of the Second-Hand Paper-Stock Dealer.

"Love-letters! Oh, yes, we come across them quite often in our stock; but we have no time to read 'em. You see business, no sentiment, is our motto," said a down-town dealer in paper stock. When people are having a house they have lived in a good many years they don't care to be bothered with old papers, and they just sell them to us at so much a pounds whether it is love-letters, or magazines, or whatever it may be.

"I did have rather a notable experience with a love-letter once, though. I was sorting over a bundle which had just arrived from a house up town—for we always sort over, in case there should happen to be anything valuable—when a monogram on a letter met my eye. I knew that monogram, and I thought that perhaps it might be something that ought to be sent back. I glanced at the letter, and then I saw what it was. It was from a lady belonging to one of our first families, so called, to a well-known actor, who made a furor in New York quite a number of years ago. The actor had stopped in that house awhile, and didn't seem to have thought the letters worth taking with him, or perhaps he forgot them. At any rate they came down in that bundle, an ocean of them, and some of them had not even been opened, which shows how little actors think of that kind of correspondence. The whole lot went for paper stock. No, I did'nt keep one. It would not have been business like.

"And we have old checks and old telegrams by the ton. All business houses get rid of them as old paper after keeping them a certain length of time, and sometimes the price of the waste paper is all they get out of a good many of the checks. It all comes to the hopper from 1 to 1¼ cents a pound, for paper stock just now is very low; it has never been lower.

"Those album covers! They come to us at a price a little above waste paper, and sometimes we get quite a good figure for them. You see, the wholesale houses that deal in albums send out only the covers as specimens, and when a cover is out of date it comes into the second hand dealer's hopper.

"At the new directory season we reap quite a crop of the last year's directories,—all as waste paper,—and sell them for 8¼ apiece. A good many would just as soon have them as the new ones.

"But aldermen and other politicians are among our best customers in old, or rather second-hand books. May seem queer, but it's a fact. They get heaps of books from Washington, besides state and city documents, and they just put them to one side until the heap gets inconvenient, and then they pack them off to the paper-stock dealer. In many instances such books have not been even taken out of the packages. But it's all the same to us. We pay 1¼ cents for them."—*New York Sun.*

Frenchmen and Lions.

In one of the most charming pictures ever painted, Carpaccio has portrayed the grotesque alarm of the monks when St. Jerome enters the garden of the monastery, followed by a demure and decorous lion. The premises are dotted with cowled figures, but it is evident that in half a minute the coast will be clear, and St. Jerome left alone with his alarming friend. St. Jerome not only founded, if we may believe Bishop Thirlwall, the Broad Church school; he also made the great discovery that a lion is only a cat, after all. Praed called his brother member in the house "just Eton boys grown heavy," and a similar relation appears to subsist between the feline and the leonine nature. The cat grown heavy is a cat still, and cats, as all their friends agreed, may be coaxed into anything. If it be objected that tigers are cats also, we can only reply that there are different kinds of cats, and that the polecat, for example, is not a gentle or agreeable beast. Why Frenchmen should get on especially well with lions is a problem which may be variously solved. The fact seems to be so. The greatest lion-tamer that ever lived, greater than either M. Bidel or M. Pezon, was French. Victor Hugo would have had no difficulty in answering the question. He would have said: "The lion is the king of beasts. The Frenchman is the king of men. Let the nations tremble when the immeasurable republic speaks," and so forth. M. Pezon, however, though he dislikes tigers does not confine his attention to the lions. He puts forth his influence over the elephant and it follows him and harkens to his word. It is like our human conceit to call the elephant sagacious. If he were really sagacious and not merely amenable to buns he would lift up his horns, or rather his paw, and we miserable mortals should flee before him. If M. Pezon takes his tame lion into private life with him he will avoid the danger of being bored, which besets all ex celebrities, and will not follow the example of the retired tallow-chandler who felt himself compelled to revisit scenes of past delight on melting-days.—*The Saturday Review.*

Origin of the Gorge of the Mississippi.

The Falls of Niagara are familiar to all, and came to exist through causes natural and easy of explanation, inasmuch as the whole secret lies in the character of the formation over which the river flows, viz., a crust made up of from sixty to 100 feet of comparatively hard limestone lying in a nearly horizontal position, beneath which is a deep deposit of shales and sandstones. Whenever the river in wearing its channel back reached the point where this arrangement of rocks began, the hard limestone would naturally resist the erosive action of the waters, while the underlying shales and sandstones, offering less resistance, would be rapidly cut away, until a vertical fall such as is now seen would be the result, with a constant recession going on, leaving below the broad canon, walled on either hand by bluffs, the crests of which are preserved by the limestone crowning them.

These few reflections as to the falls and gorge of Niagara, fully demonstrated by forces now in active operation, we shall apply to the Mississippi. Here also a mighty waterway has been cut out by erosion, a fact which is universally conceded, but no definite explanation of the process has heretofore, so far as we have been able to learn, been advanced. It remained for a geologic reading inventor by the name of Robert Bates to suggest a theory which, illuminated with what little investigation we have been able to give it, promises to offer a solution of the question, or to assist in its solution. The theory briefly is, that the erosion was accomplished by means of a mighty cataract, which began far down the river near its original mouth; and by gradual retrocession dug out the valley-like gorge which is so marked a feature in the upper part of its course, and left the high bluff walls on either hand, at the same time depositing heavy beds of sand at the bottom of the canon, the product of the erosion above, and that St. Anthony Falls are the ever decreasing and receding remnants of the once most stupendous cataract the world ever saw, having a perpendicular descent of perhaps 600 feet.—*Popular Science Monthly.*

Great Cities.

Cities with 1,000,000 inhabitants and upward have never been plentiful in any age of the world, and their number is very limited now. There are four such cities in Europe, three or four in Asia, and but one on this continent. The doubt in regard to the number in Asia arises from the fact that it is difficult to determine whether the claim of Nanking to 1,000,000 inhabitants is correct or not. Assuming it, however, to be just, the rank of the very great cities of the world, based on the censuses of 1880 and 1881, would stand as follows: London, 4,766,661; Paris, 2,260,023; Canton, 2,000,000; New York, 1,206,599; Tokio, 1,140,580; Berlin, 1,122,330; Vienna, 1,103,857; Peking, 1,000,000; Nanking, 1,000,000. The round numbers given as representing the population of the three Chinese cities named have a very suspicious look, and perhaps they ought to be thrown out of the account entirely. Certainly, Chinese or Japanese estimates or partial enumerations are not to be placed beside a properly taken census. A singular illustration of the folly of estimates was furnished by the case of Tokio, which was once believed to be the most populous city in the world, and to have four million inhabitants. When a census came to be taken the population of the city was found to be as stated above, and this number includes the suburbs. The population of the city proper was but 811,510. In the figures given for Vienna, the suburbs are also included. As London is not a city, in the proper sense of the term, but an aggregation of municipalities, the population given is that of the metropolitan and city police districts, which cover a very large area, about twenty-six square miles. A similar area about New York would take in all Kings county, half of Queens Westchester, and Richmond counties, as well as Jersey City, Newark, and numerous small towns in New Jersey, with an aggregate population at the last census of at least 2,50,000, and, of course, a much larger population now.—*The Epoch.*

Mr. Moody says that he can't pound a sermon into a man's head after he has read it Sunday papers. The thing to do is to make the sermon as interesting as the Sunday papers.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

A negro barber-shop must be a great place for wool-gathering.—*Puck.*

An Eccentric character.

New York, March 21.—A hearing in the contest over the will of the late William W. Merriam is in progress at River head, L. I., before Surrogate Tuthill. Merriam was an eccentric character who had lived in Suffolk county for many years and who had taught school for a long time. He died a little over a year ago leaving a will by which his entire state, consisting almost exclusively of stocks bonds and cash, amounting to about $500,000, was left to the government of the United States. His natural relatives, who live in Connecticut, are contesting the will on the usual grounds of testamentary incapacity.

He had many peculiarities He hired children to attend his schools and had a mania for making wills in their favor, which he would destroy whenever they provoked his displeasure. He also tried to make a contract with a lawyer to draw up wills for him at $1 each. The evidence brought out the fact that Merriam at one time desired to secure a school which was taught by a red-haired woman and he tried in various ways to have her removed. He tried to hire a hunchback to kiss her, so she would become embarrassed and leave, but, failing in this he wanted to have the school-house set on fire.

It was also shown that on one occasion he punished a little girl for some breach of truth, and immediately regretting his action, he gave the child a rod and told her to beat him with it and to lay it on hard. He also had a habit when at home of blowing a horn in the dead of night in order to arouse the occupants of the house, so they might hear him sing the "Crow Jumped Over the Moon."

Plano, Tex., March 21.—Mrs. Zack Roberts has received a check for $2000, amount of policy on the life of her deceased husband, from the Knights of Honor lodge here.

Winsboro, Tex., March 20.—Frank Sims of Hopkins county who lives five miles northwest of this city, shot himself accidentaly yesterday evening. The wound is serious, but not necessarily fatal.

Flipper—Do you know anything about the seal fisheries? Cumso—I should say, I do. Hasn't my wife fished around for a sealskin sacque every day for the last two months?—Smith Gray & Co.'s Monthly!

"I must say," said the young man, who had sat down on a bent pin, "that I don't see the point of a pratical joke like that."

"Perhaps," replied the lady on whom he was calling, "it wasn't intended that you should."

Women generally believe that men are opposed to equal suffrage. As a rule men are in favor of everything demanded by fair and honest women; it is only the fanatics of the cause who are laughed at. Fanatics in any cause are unpopular No man has a right to make himself a nuisance in the best cause in the world.

Young Wife—Why, dear, you were stroke oar at college, weren't you?

Young Husband—Yes, love.

"I was the liader."

"And quite a hand at all athletic exercises?"

"Quite a hand? My gracious I was the champion walker, the best runner, the head man lifting heavy weights, and, as for carrying—I could shoulder a barrel of flour and—"

"Well, love, just please carry the baby a couple of hours. I'm tired.

—Philadelphia Press.

New Orleans, La., March 21.—An anti-lottery league has been formed by a number of prominent citizens for the purpose of preventing, if possible, an extension of the charter of Louisiana Lottery company. Among the members are Judge McGloin, Tax Collector Parker ex-United States Attorney Parlange, Judge Ellis, Col. Hill, Rev. B. Carradine, President Coleman of the Catholic knights and President Morris of the Canal bank.

National Alliance Session.

Atlanta, Ga., March 20.—The national Alliance delegation, in session here, after drawing attention, as a preamble, to the action taken at New Orleans in September, 1889, by the conference between prominent representatives of the cotton growers of the south and members of the cotton exchanges of the United States, fixing tare on cotton-covered bales at sixteen pounds and on jute-covered bales at twenty four pounds, and to the fact that by reason of the opposition of several important cotton exchanges this agreement was rendered a nullity, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, that we urge Alliance men of the cotton states to stand by the action of the St. Louis supreme council on the use of cotton jute, and that each alliance man be and is hereby instructed to deposit said cotton-covered bales in warehouses to be provided, and with liberal advances as can be had thereon, and to allow said cotton covered bales there to remain until the demands made shall be complied with.

Resolved, also, that your national and state officials do hereby pledge their utmost ability and unceasing efforts in behalf of the people to obtain full and fair facilities for marketing their cotton.

George Was Honest.

A young married woman of the North side suddenly grew suspicious of her husband, who before his marriage had been 'one of the boys,' and recently she determined to catch him Monday, says the Chicago Tribune, he told her he had to go to the lodge.

"That is only his excuse," she said to herself. "He'll not fool me this time."

As soon as he was around the corner she was after him in a cab. The husband oblivious of the espoinage he was under, went straight to the lodge hall. The cab was pulled up where a view of the hall entrance was secured, and the watch was kept.

"He will be down soon," repeated the wife to herself, "and then I will catch him as he sneaks away."

At 10 o'clock lodge was over, and the husband came down with the other members. The "shadow" in the cab was alert to catch every word.

"Come, George," she heard some one say, "let's have a drink before you go home."

"Not to-night," she next heard in reply. "I must go straight home. My wife did not seem well, and I am anxious about her."

Then the husband started off homeward at a brisk walk.

"Whip your horse," the now crest-fallen wife exclaimed frantically to the cabby. "I must get home before he does."

The welcome the husband received that night was a surprise to him. "This seems," he said, "like old time"

Kansas City, Mo., March 23. A special from Ellsworth, Kas., states that no lives were lost in the wreck on the Union Pacific railway near that place yesterday morning. The passengers were badly shaken up and some of them severely though not seriously hurt.

Queen City, Tex., March 23—The application for a charter for a rapid transit railroad sent to Austin yesterday was for a line running from the north line of Queen City to the south line of Atlanta.

Washington, March 23.—Gen Robt. C. Schenck died at 6 o'clock this evening at his residence it this city. He has been confined to his house about two weeks. The immediate cause of death was pneumonia, which set in last Tuesday.

Whenever you see the birds hopping about among the flowers in your garden you may be sure that they are doing good to them—destroying young caterpillars and other insects. It would be an interesting thing to know precisely how many worms and insects a single pair of birds can destroy in a season. Some learned person, I believe, places the number at several millions.

Pilot Point, Tex., March 23.—Mrs. Movett Light, daughter of Col. Elijah Emberson, died yesterday about 4 o'clock. She had been married five or six months. Mrs. Movett was dearly loved by all who knew her.

Berlin, March 23.—The German emperor's studies and experiments in solving the labor problem have not stifled the spirit of labor at his own door. It breaks out with but little regard for his efforts. The workmen engaged on the palace of the reichstag have struck for a reduction to nine hours a day.

Overton, Tex., March 23.—The sawmill of W. H. Andrews six miles south of town, blew up yesterday morning, killing his son, W. H. Andrews, Jr., outright and fatally wounding another son. A young man by the name of Parish was badly scalded, but is expected to recover. The explosion is said to have been a most terrific one, throwing the driving wheel of the engine 100 yards or more. The accident is thought to be attributable to the old and defective condition of the machinery.

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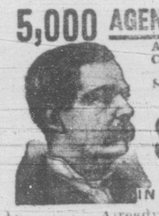

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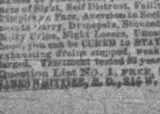

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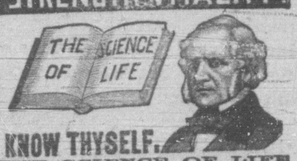

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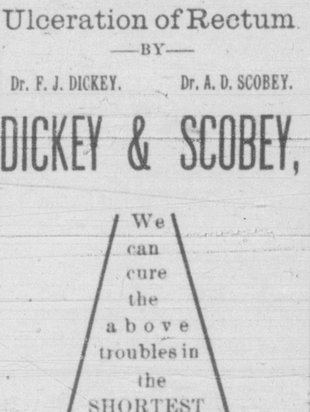

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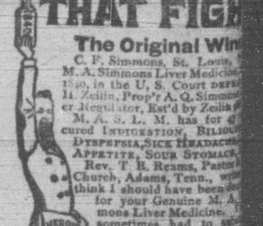

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